

Remarks

I Status of the Claims

Claims 1-19 stand rejected and are pending.

II Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent Number 6,487,300 and claim 10 U.S. Patent Number 6,466,682.

Applicant respectfully submits in conjunction with this Response a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) which overcomes the above rejection.

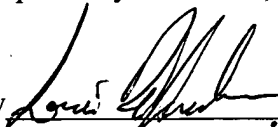
III Information disclosure Statement

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicant respectfully notes that an Information Disclosure Statement with a PTO/SB/08 and copies of the foreign references requested by the Examiner will be submitted in the following weeks for consideration by the Examiner.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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